



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

2024

CHRISTMAS EVE
5:30 P.M.

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA

Ryan Hebert, *Director of Music/Organist*
Coleman Flentge, *Associate Director of Music*

The Louise Lykes Ferguson Memorial Choir

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String Quartet

Natalie Yu - *1st violin*
Lucas Guideri - *2nd violin*
Jonas Benson - *viola*
Laura Smith - *cello*

A Christmas Prayer

Light of the world so clear and bright,
Enter our homes on Christmas night;
Re-light our souls so tenderly
That we may grow to be like Thee.



PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE
24 December 2024

PRELUDE • 5:00 P.M.

Prelude Concert Various Carol Arrangements for String Quartet

And the Glory of the Lord *G.F. Handel (1685–1759)*

In the Bleak Midwinter *Harold Darke (1888–1976)*

Joy To the World *arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)*

O Holy Night *Adolphe Adam (1803–1856)*

Amanda Cohen, *soprano*

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO • 5:30 P.M.

Please stand as the choir and ministers enter

At the Procession:

Minister: Let us proceed in peace.

People: In the Name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn 83 *Stanzas 1-3,6*

Adeste fideles

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

2 God from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; only begotten Son of the Father; *Refrain*

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain*

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus to thee be glory given. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

The Blessing of the Crèche

Celebrant Behold, the dwelling of God is with men.
People He will dwell with us and we shall be his people.
Celebrant God himself is with us. Alleluia.
People O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you sent your only-begotten Son to take our human nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Bless, we pray, this crèche, that it may be to us a sign of his humble birth; and grant that we who joyfully behold his appearing may be strengthened to greet him when he comes again in glory; even the same Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Hymn 93

Regent Square

1 Angels, from the realms of glory, wing
your flight o'er all the earth; ye, who sang
creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's
birth:

Refrain come and worship, come and
worship, worship Christ, the newborn
King.

2 Shepherds in the field abiding, watching
o'er your flocks by night, God with you is
now residing; yonder shines the infant
Light: *Refrain*

3 Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar: seek the great
Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal
star: *Refrain*

4 Saints before the altar bending, watching
long in hope and fear, suddenly the Lord,
descending, in his temple shall appear:
Refrain

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The following is sung, all standing

Hymn 96 (*stanzas 1 & 4*)

Gloria

1 Angels we have heard on high, singing
sweetly through the night, and the
mountains in reply, echoing their brave
delight.

Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in
excelsis Deo.

4 See him in a manger laid whom the
angels praise above; Mary, Joseph, lend
your aid, while we raise our hearts in
love. *Refrain*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Reading (*sit*)

Isaiah 9:2-7

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

After the Lesson, the Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 107 (*stand*)*In dulci jubilo*

1 Good Christian friends rejoice with heart
and soul and voice; give ye heed to what
we say: Jesus Christ is born today; ox and
ass before him bow, and he is in the manger
now. Christ is born today! Christ is born
today!

2 Good Christian friends rejoice with heart
and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless
bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this! He
hath opened heaven's door, and we are
blest forever more. Christ was born for
this! Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends rejoice with heart
and soul and voice; now ye need not fear
the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his
everlasting hall. Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon (*sit*)

Father Reese

Nicene Creed *said by all, standing*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People: *(kneel)*

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, especially those in whose memory the flowers and music have been given, eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace (*stand*)

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Greetings (*sit*)

Holy Communion

At the Offertory:

Carol

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

A maiden most gentle and tender we sing: Of Mary the mother of Jesus our King.
Ave Maria. How blessed is the birth of her heavenly child, Who came to redeem
us in Mary so mild. Ave Maria. The Archangel Gabriel foretold by his call The
Lord of creation, and Savior of all. Ave Maria. Three Kings came to worship with
gifts rich and rare, And marveled in awe at the babe in her care. Ave Maria.
Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray; Sing praise to the Savior, sing
endless 'Ave.' Ave Maria.

Words paraphrased from The Venerable Bede

Hymn 100 (*stand*) Stanzas 1,2,4

Antioch

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let
earth receive her King; let every heart
prepare him room, and heaven and nature
sing, and heaven and nature sing, and
heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us
our songs employ, while fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding
joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat
the sounding joy.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove the glories of
his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders,
wonders of his love.

The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

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Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.

Music During Communion:

Hymn 82 (*sit*)

Divinum mysterium

1 Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

2 O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race; and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore!

3 Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing; powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!

4 Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be; honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!

O little one sweet, O little one mild, Thy Father's purpose thou hast fulfilled;
 Thou camest from heaven to mortal ken, Equal to be with us poor men,
 O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild, With joy thou hast the whole world filled;
 Thou camest here from heaven's domain, To bring men comfort in their pain,
 O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild, In thee Love's beauties are all distilled;
 Then light in us thy love's bright flame, That we may give thee back the same,
 O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild, Help us to do as thou hast willed.
 Lo, all we have belongs to thee! Ah, keep us in our fealty!
 O little one sweet, O little one mild.

Old German carol, trans Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray (*kneel*)

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 111 (*kneel*)

Stille Nacht

1 Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is
bright round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in
heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake
at the sight, glories stream from heaven
afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ,
the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is
born!

3 Silent night, holy night, Son of God,
love's pure light radiant beams from thy
holy face, with the dawn of redeeming
grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord,
at thy birth.

1 Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled! Joyful all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem! Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity. Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

3 Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings, hail, the Sun of righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *In Dulci Jubilo*, BWV 729

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

THOSE SERVING TODAY: December 24, 5:30 p.m.

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr. Reese

Assisting Priest: Fr. Campbell

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Vergers: Richard Ferlita, Allison Besselieu

Crucifers: Thomas Adams, Shea Polley

Torchbearers: Aiden Kennington, Jacob Kennington, Abby Turlington, Esther Henley

Lector: Ray Vince

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Brad Hall, Jennifer Richardson

Videographers: Paul Scheuer, Doug Rubottom, Jan Smith, Kirk McCann

Ushers: Eric Hargens, Richard Chapman, Robert Kimble

Altar Guild: Beth Kennington, Jennifer Richardson

Bambino Bearer: Jack Besselieu



The altar flowers are given in celebration of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, and in gratitude for 153 years of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, for John, Rick and Jerry our priests and for Ryan and our magnificent choir.

May the gifts of love, peace and happiness be with each of you during this joyful Christmas season!

Merry Christmas
Jan and Earl Smith



Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday, February 2, Noon
following the 10:30am service

Decorating Elves

Many thanks to all those wonderful people who worked so hard to beautify the church for our Lord's birthday. We are grateful for the generosity of Nancy Turner, who donated all the Christmas trees and wreaths. We appreciate the hard work of Charlotte Churchill, Jan Smith, Pam Billings and Linda McGhee, who directed the greening. Thanks to those who spent many hours this past Sunday making St. Andrew's look so grand and festive!

Make a Pledge for 2025

Please return your pledge card for 2025 as soon as possible. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, cards are available at the back of the church, in the Parish Hall, or through the parish office (813-221-2035). Make a commitment and support St. Andrew's in the coming year. **We have currently 108 pledges for \$487,084.**

END OF YEAR GIVING: According to IRS tax rules for charitable deductions, donors must deliver checks or make online donations on or by December 31, 2024 in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2024. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2025 (January 5th) will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2024, even if the check is predated to 2024 or was actually written in 2024. However, checks that are written, mailed and post-marked in 2024 will be deductible in 2024 though they are not received by a church until 2025.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – 2024

	in memory of Callista Tolbert
James Abbitt Irene & Peter Baker	in thanksgiving for the fond Christmas memories of the Baker, Connar, Hanas, & Sanders families
George Bedell Paul & Sloan Bentschner Nicole Carr	in memory of Raphael, Marie Jane, Sam and Janet in memory of Janet Schrat, Lenora Schrat & Nancy Miller
Stephanie Chapman Holly Clemmons & Katie Pastorius	in memory of John M. Chapman in memory of Katharine Hart, Andrew Pastorius, Daniel Clemmons and Charles Clemmons
Chris & Martha Cobb	in memory of Meg, Rene, Mary, Carl, Richard & Douglas
Gary Cotter & Sharon Colucci	in memory of Edgar & Frances Cotter and William & Olga Gregory
Crawford Family	in memory of Geraldine Crawford, Nease & Sally Snider
Wallace A. Dixon	in memory of my parents, Nehemiah F. Dixon & Rachel Worrell-Dixon, my aunts; Janie Brownell and Rachel White and my darling Bettye J. Kirkland
Lindell Dye and Family Dr. James & Sunny Endicott R.J. Erskine Susanna Fenhagen & Anthony Morrison Richard A. Ferlita & James Carmichael Charlotte & Vernon Henderson Tricia and Staige Hoffman Margo Kemm Beth Kennington	in memory of Virginia Mullen and William Dye in memory of William & Beede Greeson & Jason Krivy in memory of Mary Louise & Mary Vanessa Erskine in thanksgiving for family & friends
	in thanksgiving for Arlene, Steve & Sophie Tonnesen, and Arnie Sr. & Grace Iovinella
	in thanksgiving for our family
	in memory of John & Betty Ireland
	in memory of William & Barbara Faber
	in memory of Don, Charles, Beverly, Floyd, Marguerite and Betty
	in thanksgiving for my family
Sharon & Patrick Keogh	in thanksgiving for Ryan Hebert
Fran Kerr	in thanksgiving for wonderful friends
Laura Kruper	in memory of Bernice & Andrew Kruper
Anne & Jack Kutchmire	in memory of departed loved ones
Adrienne Love	in thanksgiving for my friends and family

Sue MacIsaac	in thanksgiving for Savannah & Braxton Hicks and Michael & Steve MacIsaac
Linda & Michael McGhee	in memory of the loved ones of the Spotts and McGhee families
David McLay	in thanksgiving for Julianne, Robert & Heather
Franciso & Kristin Mora	in memory of Callista Tolbert
Anne Paige	in thanksgiving for my wonderful family
Anna Putney	in memory of Florian & Maria Jurdak
	in thanksgiving for Simon & Karla
The Rev. John & Jeanette Reese	in thanksgiving for The Rev. Canon Jerold Stadel
Kristi Roberts	in thanksgiving for Caroline & Pierce Brightwell
L. Gray, Catherine & Ward Sanders	in thanksgiving for God's Grace, Resiliency, and higher ground
Chip Sellas	in memory of Beth Sellas
Maria Shroka	in memory of Ingrid Velez
	in thanksgiving for all the blessings
Jane & Nathan Simpson	in memory of Nathan B. Simpson, Jr. and John G. Simpson
Don & Virginia Sink	in memory of Bill & Sandy Starrett and Don and Annette Sink
Jan & Earl Smith	in thanksgiving for the joyful birth of our great-grandson, Braydon Eugene Bowers
Kathi Stoy	in memory of William & Virginia Parent
Catharyn Szuba	in memory of EJ Szuba, WJ & Lillian Fitzgerald, and William & Phyllis Szuba
Nancy Turner	in thanksgiving for Martha, Jake & Bubba Turner
Jeanne & Ray Vince	in thanksgiving for St. Andrew's
Jaret West	
Cindy White	in memory of Lynn Niver

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CHRISTMAS MUSIC – 2024

Richard & Terri Alvis	in memory of Mary & Joseph O'Hara, Richard & Sweetie Alvis
Irene & Peter Baker	in thanksgiving for the fond Christmas memories of the Baker, Connar, Hanas, & Sanders families

George Bedell	
Beloved Friends	in thanksgiving for Linda & Mike McGhee
Beloved Friends	in thanksgiving for Dr. Earl & Jan T. Smith
Paul & Sloan Bentschner	in thanksgiving for Caroline, Logan, Olivia and Grace
Mike & Pam Billings	in thanksgiving for Carolyn & Diane Tapie
James W. Carmichael	in thanksgiving for Mary Tennette Sinclair
Stephanie Chapman	in memory of John M. Chapman
Holly Clemmons & Katie Pastorius	in thanksgiving for God's unending love!
Martha & Chris Cobb	in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren
Gary Cotter & Sharon Colucci	in thanksgiving for our St. Andrew's family
Crawford Family	in memory of Geraldine Crawford, Nease & Sally Snider
Dennis & Melinda Dundore	in thanksgiving for Cooper, Shelby, Thomas & Katherine
Lindell Dye and Family	in thanksgiving for Charles Mullen, Jr.
Dr. James & Sunny Endicott	in memory of Elizabeth Nicholson, Eleanor Rogers, & Bob Endicott
Susanna Fenhagen & Anthony Morrison	in thanksgiving for family & friends
Richard A. Ferlita	in memory of Dominic & Josephine Ferlita
MaryBeth Harris	in memory of Jim Harris, Laura Kirby, Brenda Youras, John I. Meats, and Owen W. Meats
Tricia and Staige Hoffman	in thanksgiving for friends and family
Fran Kerr	in memory of John & Betty Ireland
Sharon & Patrick Keogh	in thanksgiving for the choir & Ryan Hebert
Anne and Jack Kutchmire	in thanksgiving for Ryan Hebert
Sue MacIsaac	in thanksgiving for all our family
Barbara & Lloyd McFarquhar	in memory of Raphael & Marie Jane Bentschner
Franciso & Kristin Mora	in thanksgiving for the musicians
Anne Paige	in thanksgiving for Will, Alec, and baby Mora
Anna Putney	in thanksgiving for this beautiful building & people
The Rev. John & Jeanette Reese	in memory of Wayne Putney
Kristi Roberts	in thanksgiving for Ryan & Dana
L. Gray, Catherine & Ward Sanders	in thanksgiving for The Rev. Canon Jerold Stadel
Chip Sellas	in memory of Vi and Wally Smith
Jane & Nathan Simpson	in thanksgiving for God's Grace, Resiliency, and higher ground
Donald & Virginia Sink	in memory of Beth Sellas
Jan & Earl Smith	in memory of Nathan B. Simpson, Jr. & John G. Simpson
	in thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren
	in thanksgiving for the joyful birth of our great-grandson, Braydon Eugene Bowers

Kathi Stoy
Catharyn Szuba
Ray and Jeanne Vince
Jaret West

in memory of William & Virginia Parent
in thanksgiving for children & grandchildren
in memory of Dr. Connie Rynder

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30 December 29th through Jan 19th

The Wired Word, facilitated by the Rector, examines a current event from the previous week and analyzes it through the use of Biblical references. Come and see how Scripture can help us make sense of what's happening in the world today.

This class, facilitated by the Rector, meets in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the Parish Building.

Sunday mornings at 9:30

Everywhere Is Jerusalem: Experiencing the Holy Then and Now

Location matters.

Christianity isn't a batch of spiritual thoughts or metaphysical truths. It's a journey of real people with their feet on the ground in real places. In *Everywhere Is Jerusalem*, The Rev. James Howell takes you on a spiritual pilgrimage to significant places in the ongoing story of the Christian faith. You'll go from Bethlehem to Jerusalem, from the Jordan River to Assisi, and from the Sea of Galilee to Montgomery, Alabama. Along the way, you'll discover the profound connections between biblical stories and the places where they happened. You'll see how Christians throughout history have brought their faith to life worldwide, in their own cities and communities. And you'll find God calling you to bring your own faith to life right where you are, right now.

Part travelogue, part Bible study, this video series will take you on a spiritual journey to the places that are most important in our faith, and you'll discover that the most important place of all is the place where you are, right now.

Here is the line-up:

1/26 – Everywhere is Galilee: The Downward Call

2/2 - Everywhere is the Jordan: Baptism and All the Waters

2/9 – Everywhere is the Mount of Olives: Standing Up and Courage

2/16 - Everywhere is Bethlehem: Prayer Walls

2/23 - Everywhere is Nazareth: Finding the Way Home

3/2 - Everywhere is Jerusalem: Places of Sorrow and Hope

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WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Sarah Hudson, Charles Caro, Evelyn Smith, Mignon Grant-Levy, John Tomlinson, Nell Rorebeck, Marion Gustin, Jane Collins, Paul Cullen, Barbara Jones, Gerry Calahan, Mary Nichols, Peggy Kleven, Linda M. Delmasto, Angela Massari, Evelyn O. Jewell, Brycen Coyle, Anita Ramirez, Jane Cantler, Phyllis Sheaffer, Diane Kemker, Martha Medel, Sarah Moody, Larry Kleven, Isabelle Ferrell, William Shuler, Ian Snider, Libby Dickinson, Roma Plimmer, Patricia Maxfield, Jenette Kerr, Kay Rankin, Joe Daurril, Stephen Rosser, Rose Williams, Al Stein, Precious Montgomery, Nancy Honeycutt, Jerry Divers, Wayne Putney, Jean Turner, Matthew Borsch, Bennie Kay O'Brien, Jack Plimmer, Gerald Anthony Brozyna, Andrew Orestano, Marcia Biondolillo, Charlene Maxwell, James Arthur "Bubba" Turner, Beth Sellas, Charles Cernuda, Callista Tolbert, Rebecca Blake, Analee Mayes

THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY REQUESTED:

Mark Caro, Sgt. Billy Gudzak, Joan Hoppe, Carlton Hart, Stephen Tedrowe, Virginia Sink, Charlie Richardson, Christine Hudson, Janet Norona, Michael Norona, Christopher Hunt, Charles Mullen, Corinne Gaile, Jack Boyet, Holly Clemmons, Katie Pastorius, Deloris Lewis, Ralph & Nancy Swank, Delphine & Bob Ballard, Janis Riasanovsky, Linda Barry, Brian Polley, Edwin Bourdeau, Ron Trybus, Matt Harper, Jean McAlister, Gale Vineyard, Allyson Littleton, Luzette Lightfoot, Pamela Ann Lane Ketchy, Elizabeth Mangun, Mike McGhee, Ramond Chiamonte, Lee Barks, Nancy Martin, Debbie Bonsole, Michael & Lee Kaney, Arizona Kennington (*We are happy to include all prayer requests. Names will remain on the list for four weeks. Please call Lauri in the church office if you desire a name to remain on after four weeks or to be removed sooner.*)

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Wednesday Healing Service: 12:10 p.m.

Sunday Service Schedule: Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Douglas Scharf, *VI Bishop of Southwest Florida*

The Rev. John Reese, *Rector*

The Rev. Ralph M. Campbell II, *Assisting Priest*

The Rev. Canon Jerold R. Stadel, *Priest Associate*

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Coleman Flentge, *Associate Director of Music*

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Alicia Schmid, *Director of Children's and Youth Ministries*

Anguel Dimitrov, *Sexton*

Vestry

Class of 2025: Barbara Brotherton, Derrick Brown, Victoria Klug,

Richard Chapman, *Junior Warden*, Brad Hall

Class of 2026: Allison Besselieu, Jennifer Smith, Martha Cobb, Wallace Dixon,

Eric Hargens, *Treasurer*

Class of 2027: Nicole Carr, *Clerk of the Vestry*, Piers Curry, *Senior Warden*,

Don Crawford, Wayne Daley, Paul Henley

In the name of Christ, we the people of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, in response to God's call, proclaim our belief that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, and thereby declare our purpose to be to glorify God through our worship and work, to serve the spiritual and temporal needs of others as Christ's disciples, and to build a lively, growing community in Christ's image.